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Via ECFS
Marlene H. Dortch, Secretary
Federal Communications Commission
445 12th Street, S.W.
Washington, D.C. 20554

**Re: In the Matter of Petition of USTelecom for Forbearance Pursuant to
47 U.S.C. Section 160(c); WC Docket No. 18-141; Category 1**

Dear FCC,

It is YOUR responsibility to ensure that competition exists in our capitalist democracy. I've lived in neighborhoods where Comcast is the only provider and been a victim of their price gouging. They raised my prices every year by 20% until Sonic.net gained access to my block. Then all of a sudden they stopped the increases. This is what happens when YOU allow competition. The US citizen and consumer wins. That is YOUR job. You DO NOT work for cable companies.

Allowing a company like Sonic to access copper wire is what enables them to gain exposure until their fiber is installed everywhere. Sonic is a decent company that rights the wrongs of companies like Comcast. This freedom to choose is critical to the US. Don't continue the downward trend in this nation towards letting private companies form unchallenged monopolies.

Sincerely,

Michael Long